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CLASS NOTES

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1950s

▪ **Jay Cooper (JD '51)** was again named to Billboard Magazine's list of the Top Music Lawyers. He is founder of the Los Angeles entertainment practice of Greenberg Traurig.

▪ **Rocco Blasi (LAS '57, MA '65)** has published his first novel, a period love story called "Florio and Biancofiore: Peripatetic Lovers" (Vanguard Press).

▪ **Elisabeth Murawski (LAS '57)** won the 2020 Robert Phillips Poetry Chapbook Prize for "Still Life with Timex" (Texas Review Press), a memorial collection of poetry to her youngest son, Alexander Evans.

1970s

▪ **Donald McGovern Jr. (MBA '75)** has been named to the board of KBL Merger Corp. IV.



» **Elizabeth A. Murphy (MBA '77)** received the prestigious 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois CPA Society. She is an accounting professor emerita of DePaul University.

▪ **Rev. Michael Mascari, O.P. (JD '78)**, has joined the board of Providence College, in Providence, R.I.

▪ **The Hon. Sandra Simms (JD '78)** was a speaker at the first annual Emancipation Day celebration at Chaminade University in Honolulu.

1980s

▪ **Bertram "Bert" Scott (SCPS '80, DHL '09)** was appointed to the board of AllianceBernstein LP. He sits on the board's compensation and workplace practices committee.

▪ **Allen Staron (MBA '81)** received the 2020 Civil Engineer of the Year Award from the Illinois chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is senior vice president of Clark Dietz, a Midwest-based civil engineering firm.

▪ **Paula Price (BUS '82)** has joined the board of DaVita Inc., a kidney dialysis service provider. She is an advisor to Macy's Inc.

▪ **Michael Rooker (THE '82)** will reprise his role as Yondu in the animated series "What If...?" The Disney+ title is expected to debut in 2021. He also is in three films set to release in 2021, "Monster Problems," "F9" and "The Suicide Squad."

▪ **Keith Hebeisen (JD '83)**, a partner with Clifford Law Offices in Chicago, has been named to the 2021 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" and the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 of 2020. He also was the senior member

of a trial team that obtained a record verdict of more than \$100 million dollars in a medical malpractice trial in November 2019.

▪ **Larry Rogers Sr. (JD '83, DHL '09)**, a founding partner of Powers Rogers LLC, was named to the 2021 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America."

▪ **William Biancaniello (MBA '84)** is now the COO of WinSystems Inc., a computer design and manufacturing company based in Grand Prairie, Texas.

▪ **Delia Diaz (BUS '85)** received a 2020 CFO recognition award from the North Bay Business Journal. She is CFO of Traditional Medicinals in Sebastopol, Calif.

▪ **Debra Johnson (CSH '85)** was re-elected to her seat on the Lake Michigan College board of trustees.

▪ **Mark Kaminsky (BUS '85)**, chief operating officer of Koch Foods in Park Ridge, Ill., now serves as the National Chicken Council's vice chairman for 2020–21.

▪ **The Hon. Regina Scannicchio (BUS '85)** has assumed the presidency of the Justinian Society of Lawyers. She currently serves in the Circuit Court of Cook County domestic relations division.

▪ **Owen Beacom (BUS MS '86)** retired as chief credit officer of Chicago-based Byline Bank.

▪ **Laura Ferracane (BUS '86)** is now vice president of

global human resources for Trianz, a digital consulting and technology services firm. She is based in the firm's Santa Clara, Calif., office.

▪ **Anna Richo (JD '86)** has joined the board of Adamas Pharmaceuticals Inc. She is general counsel, chief compliance officer and corporate secretary of Cargill.

▪ **Patricia Wren (LAS '86, MS '88)** is chair of the newly created undergraduate department of public health in the college of liberal arts and sciences at Wayne State University in Detroit.

▪ **Jay Deratany (JD '87)** was inducted into the 2020 Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame for his work as a human rights lawyer providing volunteer legal services during the AIDS crisis and as a board member of Human Rights Watch.

▪ **Vincent Turcotte (MBA '88)** is now sales director for the Asia Pacific region of Eventus Systems Inc. He operates out of the company's Hong Kong office.

▪ **Araceli Ramirez (CMN '89)** has left KHOU-TV in Houston to become executive producer of "The News with Shepard Smith," which debuted this past fall on CNBC.

1990s

▪ **Andrew J. Kelleher Jr. (BUS '90)** has co-founded the new law firm Kelleher + Holland LLC, headquartered in North Barrington, Ill.

▪ **James Marshall (MST '90)** has joined Chicago-based RubinBrown as a tax partner in its real estate services group.

▪ **Bill Kekatos (BUS '91)**, an assistant vice president and loan officer of Fifth Third Bank, was named to Chicago Agent magazine's "Who's Who for 2020" list.

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL abbreviation key

- » **BUS** Driehaus College of Business
- » **CDM** College of Computing and Digital Media
- » **CMN** College of Communication
- » **CSH** College of Science and Health
- » **EDU** College of Education
- » **JD** College of Law
- » **LAS** College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- » **MUS** School of Music
- » **SCPS** School of Continuing and Professional Studies
- » **THE** The Theatre School

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■ **Marie Loiacono (SCPS '91)** has been promoted to director of human resources for Marklund, an Illinois nonprofit that provides services to people with autism and profound developmental disabilities.

■ **Roxanne Nava (BUS '91)** continues her tenure on the Illinois Finance Authority. She is the executive director of Metropolitan Family Services of North Center and Evanston/Skokie Valley Center.



» **Kurt Nishimura (MBA '91)** was named president of the Asian Real Estate Association of America, which promotes homeownership among Asians and Pacific Islanders.

He is an affiliate agent of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Arizona.

■ **Renato Ricchio (BUS '91)** was named the highest-ranked mortgage broker in Illinois by the Scotsman Guide. He is the president of Chicagoland Home Mortgage Services.

■ **Paul Stovall (THE '91)** was one of the stars in the Philadelphia-based Quintessence Theatre's production of Henrik Ibsen's "Rosmersholm," which live-streamed in October.



» **Anne Wermuth (LAS '91)** was elected as a fellow of the College

of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She also was named to the 2020 Notable Women in Law list of Crain's Chicago Business. She is vice chair of Cozen O'Connor's national labor and employment department.

■ **Kevin Breen (LAS MA '92)** is the new head of Worcester (Mass.) Academy, a private school for students in grades 6–12.

■ **Carey Hart (THE '92)** premiered "I ELECT: Power Every Four Years," a free filmed performance, on YouTube in October. The one-act, one-woman play deals with the personal power of voting, women's rights and antiracism.

■ **John Settich (LAS MS '92)** has been elected president of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. He has served on the board since 2010 and currently serves as professor and chairman of the department of political science at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan.

■ **Jeffrey Aronin (MBA '93)**, chairman and CEO of Paragon Biosciences, received Entrepreneur and Executive of the Year awards from the Business Intelligence Group.



» **Michelle McBroom (BUS '93, MED '99)** has been appointed to the 2020 board of governors of the Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis.

■ **Jim Cannon (MBA '94)** joined Snowden Lane Partners as a senior partner

and managing director. He works out of the firm's Chicago office.

■ **Michael Episcopo (BUS '94, MS '08)** was included in the Crain's Chicago Business "2020 Notable Entrepreneurs" list. He is the co-founder and principal of Chicago-based Origin Investments, a private-equity real estate fund manager.

■ **Juneau Lee (MBA '94, BUS MS '01)** is now the senior director of the regulatory and compliance practice of Dallas-based Constellation Advisers LLC.

■ **Eric Mott (MBA '94)** has joined Palmer Johnson Enterprises in Sun Prairie, Wis., as CFO.

■ **Keveh Safavi (JD '94)** spoke at the inaugural TriNet PeopleForce virtual conference for small- and medium-size businesses. He is senior managing director of global health business for Accenture.

■ **Karen Shoshana (JD '94)** published "Hormonious; The Functional Approach to Optimal Wellness, Boundless Energy & Glowing Longevity" (Wellness Girl LLC) on Nov. 10, 2020.

■ **Stephen Davis (THE '95)** appeared in several roles in a new adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at the Centenary Stage Company in Hackettstown, N.J.

■ **Jeanette Gawrisch (LAS '95)**, human resources manager with Chicago-based RMB Capital, has been named a partner of the firm.

■ **Rick Gutierrez (BUS '95)** has joined the board of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. He is the senior manager of information security with Option Care.

■ **Angela Smith Jones (JD '95)** has joined the board of The International Center, which expands Indiana's global interest through a variety of programs and services.

Smith Jones is vice president of diversity and inclusion at Marion County Health and Hospital Corp. in Indiana.

■ **Aaron Zarkowsky (JD '95)** has joined the corporate department of Honigman LLP. He works out of the firm's Chicago office.

■ **Dave Abatangelo (MBA '96)** is now director of data visualization for Chicago-based Wavicle Data Solutions.

■ **Sarah Brachle Wagner (LAS '96)** now serves as the CEO of Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity.

■ **Ilya Frumkin (BUS '96)** is now the senior vice president of business development of F.L. Emmert Company, a supplier of nutritional brewer's yeast ingredients for pet food and livestock feeds.

■ **Gina Osterloh (CMN '96)** had a solo exhibition of her photographs, "Shutter Vision," at the Higher Pictures Generation gallery in New York City.

■ **Jeff Werner (MBA '96)** is the new CEO of Comfort Research, a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based company that designs and manufactures comfort seating for the indoor, outdoor and pool markets.

■ **Matthew Wise (MBA '96)** is now CEO of E Technologies Group, an engineering and system integration firm based in West Chester, Ohio.

■ **Marlene Arteta (SCPS MA '97)** is now senior vice president of investor relations and communications with Madison Capital Group.

■ **Angela Miller-May (MBA '97)** received the Distinguished Woman Investment Professional of the Year Award from Women Investment Professionals, a Chicago-based professional organization. She is chief investment officer of the Chicago Public Schools teachers' pension and retirement fund.

■ **Michelle Morales (LAS '97)**, president of the

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES

» **Lisa Coleman (CMN '15)** married Travis Norman in October. The couple reside in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

» **Gianmarco Salerno (CDM MS '17)** became engaged to Samantha Velez in October. He works as a software engineer at North

American Bancard in Chicago. Velez has a degree in nursing.

» **Faatah A. Sayeed (MBA '17)** married Asma Ahmed on Sept. 25, 2020. He is the co-founder and president at Sivic, a social media platform that addresses civic engagement.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

» **Lynn Prindes (CSH '92, MS '03)** welcomed a second daughter, Molly Grace, on Sept. 14, 2020. She joins older sister Emily.



Woods Fund Chicago, spoke during a virtual session of the City Club of Chicago on July 30, 2020.

▪ **Suzanne Shier (LLM '97)** has joined the trusts and estates group of Chicago-based Levenfeld Pearlstein LLC as of counsel.

▪ **Heather Simonsen (MBA '97)** is now president of PQ Bypass Inc., a medical device manufacturing company headquartered in Milpitas, Calif.

▪ **Kimberly Turner (LAS '97)** has been chosen for the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship. A returning fellow, she is a doctoral candidate in political science at Southern Illinois University.

▪ **Michael Wolson (JD '97)**, a broker with the real estate firm Baird & Warner, is featured in Chicago Agent magazine as one of their "Who's Who of 2020."

▪ **Eric Beltran (MUS '98)** is now the assistant principal of Field Stevenson Elementary School and Forest Park Middle School, both in Forest Park, Ill.

▪ **David Laffee (BUS '98)** is now the CFO of National Bank and Trust Texas in La Grange, Texas. He also serves as the treasurer of the bank's holding company.

▪ **Rudresh Mahanthappa (MM '98)** released his 16th album, "Hero Trio" (Whirlwind Recordings), his first album of jazz covers, in 2020.



» **Matthew Williams (JD '98)** has been named to the 2021 edition of "The Best

Lawyers in America." He is a partner in the Illinois law firm of Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard.

▪ **Tanya Brady (JD '99)** is one of Law.com's Women, Influence & Power in Law 2020. She is senior vice president and general counsel for Phillips Edison & Company.

▪ **Karen Carter (MBA '99)** has been appointed by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to the Black Leadership Advisory Council, which will develop and recommend policies to address racial inequity in Michigan. She is the chief human resources officer and chief inclusion officer for Dow Chemical.

▪ **Frank Catalano (MUS '99)** appeared at the ninth annual St. Charles (Ill.) Jazz Weekend, held Sept. 10–13, 2020.

▪ **Jennifer Dornbush (LAS MA '99)** recently published her latest thriller, "Hole in the Woods" (Ally Press), based on a 1989 true-life murder case.

▪ **Joan Rockey (BUS MS '99, MST '16)** has joined the national board of directors of Easterseals. She is partner and CFO of Cerity Partners and serves on numerous boards, including the board of DePaul's Arditti Center for Risk Management.

▪ **Larry Swets (BUS MS '99)** has been appointed CEO of 1347 Property Insurance Holdings Inc. He had served as the company's interim CEO since June 2020.

▪ **Laura Wolfe (JD '99)** signed a three-book deal with Bookouture (Hachette UK) for her standalone suspense novels, "Two Widows" and "She Lies Alone," released in 2020, and a third novel, as yet untitled, to be released in March 2021.

2000s

▪ **Tyrone R. Johnson (MBA '00)** is a new operating partner with Trive Capital, focusing on building products.

▪ **Joel Lewis (MST '00)** is now the CEO and president of Galectin Therapeutics Inc. He has served on the board of the company since 2017.

▪ **Robert Nowak (MST '00)** joined national CPA and advisory firm Weaver as a partner. He is based in the firm's Dallas office.

▪ **Shaun Passley (BUS '00, CDM MA '06)** was named president and CEO of Ameritek Ventures, which manufactures machinery used to produce optical fiber preforms. He remains chairman and CEO of Epazz Inc.

▪ **Melissa Scheffler (MBA '00)** is now regional executive officer for Chubb Insurance Company's Mid-Atlantic region.

▪ **Perteet McSween (BUS '01)** and her husband, **Fred Spencer (BUS '01)**, have launched AYO Foods, a line of West African frozen meals. The company is based in Chicago.

▪ **Rita Patel (BUS '01)** is the new chief marketing officer of Buffalo Wild Wings.

▪ **Fei Shang (MBA '01)** has been appointed to the District 125 Board of Education, which serves Stevenson High School in Long Grove, Ill. She is a senior investment consultant with Aon Hewitt in Chicago.

▪ **Marvin Lindsey (SCPS '02)** was appointed by Gov. JB Pritzker to serve on the Adult Use Cannabis Health Advisory Committee. He is executive director of ProviderCo and CEO of Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois.

▪ **Tamara McClain (MED '02)** is the new director of

admissions and outreach for international students and campus central at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill.



» **Peter R. Tyksinski (JD '02)**, a foreign attorney with Momo-o, Matsuo & Namba in Tokyo, Japan, co-authored the article "COVID-19 and the Japanese Workplace," which was published in Taylor Vinters' 2020 International Employment Law Update.

▪ **David Corchin (MUS '03)** published his new children's book, "A Thousand No's" with Naperville, Ill.-based Sourcebooks.

▪ **Rev. Beverly Dukes (LAS MS '03)** is now the pastor of St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Homewood, Ill.

▪ **Estee Kelly (LAS '03)** now serves as the chief of schools for Chicago's Noble Network of Charter Schools.

▪ **Andre LaCount (BUS '03)**, a senior home lending advisor with Chase Private Client, is featured in Chicago Agent magazine as one of their "Who's Who of 2020."

▪ **Amalia Martinez (JD '03)** is the acting employee relations director of the department of human resources for the City of San Francisco.

▪ **Monique Nelson (MBA '03)** is one of 44 brand leaders who were recently named to Adweek's newly formed diversity, equity and inclusion council. She is CEO of UniWorld Group Inc.

▪ **Mark Phillip (BUS '03)** has joined Connecticut-based FlowStone Partners as managing director. He leads business development and investor relations efforts for the firm.

▪ **Norman Roegner (MBA '03)** is now the CFO of Dynatronics Corp., a manufacturer and distributor of medical devices based in Salt Lake City.

▪ **Jeffrey Schadler (BUS '03)** is now director of financial planning and business analysis with the Safe Quality Food Institute, based in Arlington, Va.

▪ **Steve Taplin (MBA '03)** is the new president and CEO of San Diego-based Sonatify Technology, an IT services firm.

▪ **Ryan P. Theriault (SCPS '03, JD '07)**, a partner at Meyers & Flowers LLC, was elected third vice president of the Illinois Bar Foundation.

▪ **Annie Tolkin (EDU '03)**, the founder and director of Accessible College, presented a webinar, "Transitioning to College for Students with Paralysis," last September for the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation.

▪ **Rebecca Winkler (CSH MA '03, PhD '04)** was named as a trustee of the University of Georgia Foundation. She is founder and owner of Department 732c, a talent assessment and coaching firm.

▪ **Jeffrey Becker (JD '04)** was again named to Billboard Magazine's "Top Music Lawyers" list. He is a partner at Swanson Martin & Bell and is based in Chicago.

▪ **Darryl Dunn (MBA '04)** has joined financial advising firm MDS Advisors of Raymond James as a managing director in its Kansas City, Mo., office.

▪ **Catherine Mount (LAS '04)** is now an officer in the Salvation Army's Norridge (Ill.) Corps Community Center.

■ **Jared Torres (MBA '04)** is now the chief technology officer of Primero Games, based in Duluth, Ga.

■ **Sally Washlow (MBA '04)** has joined the board of the Data I/o Corporation. She has also assumed the position of board chair of Costar Technologies Inc. She is leader of the Midwest practice of the Chicago-based International Center for Executive Options.

■ **Shawn Alcaraz (CSH '05, MBA '12)** is now director of investor relations at Chicago-based Adtalem Global Education.

■ **Desmin Borges (THE '05)** appeared in Amazon's "Utopia," a conspiracy series co-starring John Cusack that ran in fall 2020.

■ **Julia Dohert (LAS '05)** has been named to Crain's Chicago Business' "40 Under

40" list for 2020. She is director of principal gifts for the Joffrey Ballet.

■ **James Kanter (MBA '05)** has joined Milwaukee-based Central Standard Craft Distillery as chief commercial officer.

■ **Dino Kritikos (BUS '05)**, senior director of the energy and natural resources team of Fitch Ratings' U.S./Canada corporate finance group, spoke at a webinar, "Introduction to Fitch for Corporate Issuers in the Chemicals Sector," in December.

■ **David Kwait (LAS '05)** has been named one of the Northwest Indiana Times' "20 Under 40" for 2020. He is senior vice president and wealth management group leader for Peoples Bank.

■ **Floyd Simpson (MBA '05)**, senior managing consultant with PFM,

has been appointed to the company's multi-asset-class management investment committee.

■ **Troy Smith (CDM MS '05)** has been promoted to income partner at Chicago-based law firm Freeborn & Peters LLP.

■ **David Stellato (CDM '05)** is now chief growth officer of DFO Global Performance Commerce, a global e-commerce marketing firm.



» **Glenn Allison (SCPS '06)** has been named chairman of the

National Retail Federation Technology Council. He has also joined the CNBC Technology Executive Council based on his retail industry leadership and acceleration of digital capabilities as vice president of Tractor Supply Co. in Brentwood, Tenn.

■ **Casey Decker (CDM MS '06)** is now the chief information officer of Hy-Vee Inc., an employee-owned retail chain in the Midwest.

■ **Stefan Draht (CDM '06)** is now the creative director of Sarofsky, a Chicago-based communication production company.

■ **Melissa Grim (JD '06)** has joined Honigman LLC as a partner in the benefits practice group. She works out of the firm's Chicago office.

■ **Rene Hinojosa (LAS '06)** is the new city administrator and secretary for the City of Natalia, Texas.

■ **Jordan Huttenlucker (CSH '06)** has joined the Fort Wayne, Ill.-based law firm Rothberg Logan & Warsco LLP as an associate.

■ **Lawrence "Lee" James (JD '06)** has joined the Chicago office of Barnes & Thornburg as a partner in the intellectual property department.

■ **Stephanie Sullivan (MFA '06)** is the new managing director of Chicago's Organic Theatre Company.

■ **Michele Booth (MBA '07)** is now senior managing director of FTI Consulting's business transformation practice. She is based in Chicago.

■ **Breen Higgins (JD '07)** has joined Eversheds

Spotlight



When Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker tapped **Lynne Sered (JD '87)** to serve on the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board (IELRB) in 2019, he knew he was getting a uniquely qualified individual for the role. The veteran Chicago attorney had served on the board—10 years as its chair—since 2005.

Sered, a Deerfield, Ill., native, earned a BA in political science from Indiana University and then enrolled in DePaul's College of Law, where she took classes at night while working at a downtown firm during the day.

"It was fun and challenging working in the city and going to law school," recalls Sered, who lives in Evanston, Ill., with her husband, Jeff Schoenberg, formerly both an Illinois state representative and Illinois state senator.

Sered credits Chicago arbitrator Elliott Goldstein, whose labor law class she took at DePaul and loved, with opening her eyes to her chosen field.

After working as staff counsel at the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., Sered returned to Chicago. She worked at a law firm, as legal director of the American Jewish Congress and later as regional director of the Jewish Labor Committee and domestic affairs associate at the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Then she applied to sit on the IELRB. Sered credits another mentor, the

late Julie Hughes, who served as the board's former general counsel and was an adjunct professor at DePaul, with encouraging her to apply. The IELRB administers the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act, which established the right of education employees to organize and bargain collectively.

"Because of my past experience on both the pro-management side and the pro-union side, I felt that I was well-qualified for this position. Also, my temperament of being able to look at all sides of an issue and remain neutral is suited to this type of work," says Sered.

The board has been especially busy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"With COVID, there are issues that have developed between school districts and their employees in terms of concerns over going back to school. So many of these concerns ultimately end up in front of us," she says.

"I take my job really seriously," she continues. "It's been a real honor to be able to work for the state of Illinois in this position," she says.

Sutherland as a state and local tax partner in the firm's tax practice group. She works out of the Chicago office.

▪ **Gerald Napleton (JD '07)** has been appointed as arbitrator on the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission by Gov. JB Pritzker.

▪ **Nicole Newsome (CMN MA '07)** has been named to Crain's Chicago Business' "40 Under 40" list for 2020. She is Chicago site lead for Facebook.

▪ **Matt Campbell (JD '08)** is now CEO of Select Specialty Hospital–Spectrum Health, headquartered in Grand Rapids, Mich.

▪ **Erin Noka (LAS MA '08)** published her poetry collection, "Meditations of Love and Hope" (Christian Faith Publishing), in October 2020.



» **Anthony Piatek (BUS '08)** is writer

and executive producer of the romantic comedy "Bad Cupid" starring John Rhys-Davies. It was released on Valentine's Day 2021 across VOD digital distribution platforms.

▪ **Kathy Purnell (JD '08)** was appointed by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to the Black Leadership Advisory Council, which will develop and recommend policies to address racial inequity in Michigan. She is a staff attorney with Justice for Our Neighbors–Michigan, a nonprofit that provides immigration legal services.

▪ **Caprice Smith (CMN '08)**, a former Blue Demon basketball player, is now the video coordinator for DePaul's Athletics Department.

▪ **Emily Vaca (LAS '08)** has been named to Crain's Chicago Business' "40 Under 40" list for 2020. She is CEO and creative director of Minnidip Pools.

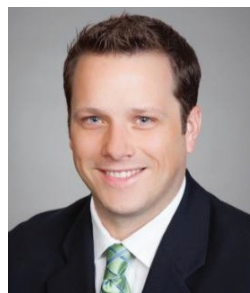
▪ **Iqbal Anwar (MBA '09)** has co-founded Airposted, a peer-to-peer shipping and logistics platform headquartered in Naperville, Ill.

▪ **Heidi Bonjean (MBA '09)** is now director of marketing

for Chicago-based Wavicle Data Solutions.

▪ **Christopher Buch (JD '09)** has joined the Chicago office of Polsinelli as a partner. He concentrates his practice on employee stock ownership plans, executive compensation and employee benefits matters.

▪ **Sara Furio (BA '09)**, manager of international original film for Netflix, developed "The Life Ahead," starring Sophia Loren. The film premiered in November.



» **Brian Gephart (MBA '09)** is now CFO of Leaf Group Ltd., a diversified consumer internet company based in Santa Monica, Calif.

▪ **Joseph Mitchell (LAS MS '09)** is now the police chief of Orland Park, Ill. He had been the interim police chief since Aug. 1, 2020.

2010s



» **Aaron Boeder (JD '10)** has been included in the 2021 Edition of "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch." He is a partner with the Illinois law firm Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard.

▪ **Marie Cisco (THE '10)** has formed Cisco & Co. Productions LLC, through which she plans to focus on productions that tell uplifting stories of Black and African culture, and their intersection with feminism.

▪ **Surya Joseph (MBA '10)** opened her own orthodontics practice, The Smile Station, in Roseburg, Ore., in July 2020.

▪ **Salma Khaleq (JD '10)** has been named to Crain's Chicago Business' "40 Under 40" list for 2020. She is vice president of provider strategy and partnerships for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois.

▪ **Nick Primrose (MPA '10)** is now chief of regulatory compliance for the Jacksonville (Fla.) Port Authority.



» **Brian Raff (MBA '10)** has been promoted to vice president of market development by the Chicago-based American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC). He had served AISC as director of government affairs and director of communications.

▪ **Peter Stockus (LAS '10)** has joined the American Motorcyclist Association staff as the government relations manager for off-highway issues.

▪ **Jake Carman (EDU '11)** teaches middle-school math at Douglas/PREP in Springfield, Ill.

IN MEMORIAM

Lord, we commend to you the souls of our dearly departed. In your mercy and love, grant them eternal peace.

Alumni

Jessie M. Hall (BUS CER '45) » Irving J. Sachs (BUS '48, JD '51) » Miriam Chenoweth (LAS '49) » Marie E. Lidy (BUS '50) » John J. Schmidt (CSH '50) » Lawrence E. Kennon (LAW '53) » William L. Baxter (BUS '54) » The Hon. Donald E. Joyce (BUS

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J. Schuman (LAS '79) » Daniel J. Smith (EDU '79) » Sister Sally A. Fergus (MED '80) » Catherine R. May (LAS '83) » Ann Koranda (MUS '85, MM '90) » Loretta T. Obora (BUS '87) » Joan M. O'Keefe (SCPS '87) » Harry G. Bendis (MBA '88) » Maria A. Falkner (BUS '88) » James E. Kane (LLM '89) » Debra L. Bree (JD '99) » Jennifer L. Saele (MBA '01) » Pradeep Nayar (CDM MS '14) » David E. Bates (SCPS '15)

Faculty, Staff and Friends

Chris Brown » Mark S. Colby » Arthur J. Decio » Dr. Zuhair M. Elsaffar » Denis J. Healy » The Hon. Blanche Manning » Lawrence R. Novak » Susan E. Stroka » Lorraine Trzaska » Robert E. Weigand

Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, this memorial list includes only those alumni and friends who our offices have confirmed have passed away since the previous issue was printed.

▪ **Caitlin Garvey (LAS '11, MA '14)** published "The Mourning Report" (Homebound Publications), her debut memoir, in October. It was listed by Lambda Literary as one of October's most anticipated LGBTQ books.

▪ **Maria Hadden (LAS MS '11)** has been named to Crain's Chicago Business' "40 Under 40" list for 2020. She is the alderman of Chicago's 49th Ward.

▪ **Holly Johnson (BUS '11)** was named to the board of the Betty Brin Children's Museum in Milwaukee. She is senior manager of forensic advisory services for Grant Thornton.

▪ **Rachel Elise Johnson (CSH '11, MS '13)** was named festival artistic producer for the 2021 iteration of the Allen and Gray Musical Festival, a fundraising festival that launched online in July 2020 with the mission of amplifying marginalized voices in musical theatre. She is an adjunct instructor of mathematics at DePaul University.

▪ **Vi Nguyen (CMN '11)** has been hired as a multimedia journalist and general assignment reporter for NBC-owned WMAQ-TV in Chicago.



» **Kelly Slay (LAS MS '11)** has joined the faculty of the Peabody College of Vanderbilt University as an assistant professor of higher education and public policy in the college's department of leadership, policy and organizations.

▪ **Sean Dolan (JD '12)** is now executive vice president of operations and general counsel of DRI—The Voice of the Defense Bar.

▪ **Benjamin Paolone (MBA '12)** has joined Becknell Industries as senior vice president of its capital markets team.

▪ **Collin Supple (BUS '12)** is now the vice president of the debt capital markets group of Brown Gibbons Lang & Company. He is based in the Chicago office.

▪ **Stephen B. Walker (CSH MS '12)** has joined New Hanover Regional Medical Center Physician Group—Neurology in Wilmington, N.C.

▪ **Capt. Darron Hubbard (JD '13)** was sworn in to serve as a full-time special assistant U.S. attorney in the Savannah office of the Southern District of Georgia U.S. Attorney's Office.

▪ **Bill Cataldo (MEd '14)** is the new K–8 principal of the virtual school Red Hawks Online, based in Cedar Springs, Mich.

▪ **Casey Clemmons (LAS '14)** joined the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party as the coordinated campaign director.



» **Patricia Hudson (LAS '14, JD '17)** was recently named to the 40 under 40 top lawyers lists by the National Trial Lawyers and National Black Lawyers. She is an associate with Chicago-based Kryder Law Group LLC.

▪ **Joe Keery (THE '14)** released a new psych rock single, "Keep Your Head Up," under his solo project, "Djo."

▪ **Chrissie Martell (JD '14)** has joined the family law practice group of Lavelle Law. She is based in the firm's Schaumburg, Ill., office.

▪ **Ryan Vaughan (MST '14, MBA '17)** is now a partner at Mazars USA LLP. He leads the Chicago office's tax practice and tax credit and incentives practice.

▪ **Sarah Gorden (CMN '15)**, a professional soccer player with the Chicago Red Stars, acted as a sideline reporter for the United Soccer League championship game on Nov. 1, 2020.

▪ **Katherine Lester (MBA '15)**, training and development manager for RMB Capital's wealth management business, has been named a partner of the Chicago-based firm.

▪ **David Beck (MBA '16)** is now senior vice president of commercial leasing with Central Bank of St. Louis.

▪ **Kathleen Murtagh Jones (MEd '16)** published her first children's book, "Finding Your Magnificence: A Tail of Self-Exploration" (Page Publishing), about a small dog named Molly who learns to shine by being herself.

▪ **Charlotte Pence Bond (CDM '16)** launched the podcast "Doubting It" in September. It explores issues of faith, culture and doubt.

▪ **Shaina Wolfe (JD '16)** has joined Dentons Bingham Greenebaum as a managing associate. She practices labor and employment law and business litigation in the Indianapolis office.

▪ **Jorge Aguilar (CDM MS '17)**, co-founder of Chicago-based rental property company Trove, was included in the Crain's Chicago Business "2020 Notable Entrepreneurs" list.

▪ **Rachel Hinton (CMN '17)** has been promoted to chief political reporter of the Chicago Sun-Times.

▪ **Melissa O'Brien (MEd '17)** has assumed the position of assistant principal of Wildwood Middle School in Shenandoah Junction, W.V.



» **Madison Schroeder (CMN '17)** has joined the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, law firm of Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC as an associate attorney. She focuses her practice in family and employment law.

▪ **Pedro Antonino (LAS '18)** accepted a Fulbright English teaching assistantship to teach in Mexico from January through May 2021.

▪ **Chasten Buttigieg (MEd '18)**, husband of former U.S. presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg, published his memoir, "I Have Something to Tell You," last fall.

▪ **Kristy Chipman (MBA '18)** is now CFO of Ruth's Hospitality Group, headquartered in Winter Park, Fla.

▪ **Breanna Leach (MUS '18)** is the new band director of Rappahannock County Public Schools in Washington, Va.

▪ **Chelsea Tayui (CMN '18)** was chosen as Miss Universe Ghana 2020 at a virtual event held in September. She will serve as a goodwill ambassador for Ghana during her one-year reign.

▪ **Teri Grossheim (MBA '19)** has joined Booz Allen Hamilton as a senior

solution architect/lead technologist.

▪ **Jer Sklar (CDM MFA '19)** debuted his first feature film, "Tom of Your Life," on Sept. 1, 2020.

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▪ **Emma Durbin (THE '20)** premiered her play "landscape" on Nov. 20, 2020, as Mirrorbox Theatre's final production of its virtual season. The theatre is based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

▪ **Hanna Lavin (CSH '20)** has joined an internship program developed by Imani Green Health Advocates to improve environmental and physical health in underserved communities in Chicago.

▪ **Mariam Macker (CMN '20)** joined the ABC affiliate WDIO-TV in Duluth, Minn., as a multimedia journalist and producer.

▪ **Olga Olejniczak (MBA '20)** has been promoted to manager of real estate development for Opus Development Company LLC. She is based in the firm's Chicago office.

▪ **Edmund Ramsay (CMN MA '20)**, business development manager for DePaul University, has joined the board of Chicago's Museum of Broadcast Communications.

▪ **Daniel Sachs (DBA '20)** is now the executive director of the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago.

▪ **Josie Trettin (THE '20)** began a professional residency as part of the Emerging Professional Residents program of the Milwaukee Rep theatre company.

▪ **Martin Wells (MM '20)** is now the director of orchestra of the Cedar Hill Independent School District in the Dallas area.